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1. The Society for the Study of the U.S.S.R. is a KPD (Communist Party of Germany) controlled organization which through lectures is to establish contact with the Western German **intelligentsia**.
2. Lectures arranged by the society deal with the following topics :
 - a. Politics : to include state and social order; labor union problems; foreign policy; press; and youth problems.
 - b. Science : to include philosophy; history; history of civilization; economics; mathematics; **technology; medicine; and people's edu-**
cation.
 - c. Liberal arts : to include literature; fine arts; the theater; films; music; popular art; amateur theatrics.
3. The organization was previously named the Society for the Culture of the U.S.S.R. This designation restricted the lecturing of the society to the field of culture and thus could not reach a broad section of persons not interested in lectures of this kind. The society was therefore renamed.
4. The head of each local branch of the society, usually an intelligent member of the Communist Party of Germany, automatically is a member of the secretariat of the local Communist Party organization.

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5. Each local group of the society is sponsored by a branch of the society in the Soviet Zone of Germany. As an example, the Coburg branch is under the sponsorship of the branch in Suhl, Thuringia, which supplies Coburg with propaganda material, booklets, etc., free of charge.

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